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Title: COATED ACTIVATED CARBON

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Office

Action mailed 14 September 2004, detailing a restriction requirement.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on

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Election/Restriction

The Examiner alleges Applicants' claims include the following alleged patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- A (i) combining a binding agent and a masking agent before coating (Claims 1-12 and 16-20) or (ii) applying binding agent and a masking agent sequentially (Claims 14-17 and 19);
- A-1 if (ii) is chosen: curing the binding agent before applying the masking agent (Claim 14) or after applying the masking agent (Claim 15);
- A-2 the masking agent being a dry coating (Claims 5 and 16) or an aqueous suspension (Claim 17);
- A-3 coating the activated carbon material by dry coating (Claim 5) or in fluidized bed (Claims 4 and 20).

The Examiner indicated Claim 13 is generic.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, species A(i), Claims 1-12 and 16-20. Applicants further elect Claim 17 in A-2, and Claims 4 and 20 in A-3. Applicants assert Claims 1-4, 6-13, and 17-20 read on the elected species.

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed in this response, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

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Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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